

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

Scripture Reading: James 1:17, 18

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Introduction:

1. Some like to be outside during a tornado (as seen on YouTube). The safest place to be is inside the shelter.
2. The same is true spiritually. The safest place for us to be is in Christ.

Proposition: We have great spiritual blessing only in Christ.

Interrogative: What are some of these spiritual blessings?

Transition: In this lesson, we will examine 5 spiritual blessing we have in Christ...

I. PEACE

A. WE HAVE PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TURMOIL

1. In the world we will have tribulation -Jn 16:33
2. With Jesus, we have a peace that surpasses all understanding -Ph 4:6, 7

B. WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD

1. We were once lost in sin, but now are redeemed -1Pe 2:9, 10
2. The middle wall of separation has been broken down -Ep 2:14-18

II. PRAYER

A. WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH

1. The apostles prayed for boldness -Ac 4:23-31
2. Paul requested prayer for boldness -Ep 6:20

B. WE PRAY FOR COMFORT

1. He is the God of all comfort -2Co 1:3, 4
2. We cast our cares on Him -1Pe 5:7
3. He knows our needs before we ask -Mt 6:8

III. JOY

A. JOY OF PAUL

1. Paul in prison -Ph 4:4; Ac 16:25
2. The trouble of this life pales in comparison to the joy that awaits! -Ro 8:18

B. JOY OF THE DISCIPLES (No one will take their joy) -Jn 16:22

IV. PATIENCE

A. PATIENCE IS PERSISTENCE

1. This is vital to the Christian.
2. We are to remain faithful to death -Re 2:10
3. If we faint in the day of adversity...-Pr 24:10

B. PATIENCE IS OUR TRACTION

1. Keeps us focused -Ph 3:12-14, 20
2. During times of temptation -1Co 10:13

V. **SALVATION -2Ti 2:10**

A. MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE CROSS

1. Greater love has no man... -Jn 15:13
2. Christ died for the ungodly -Ro 5:6-8

B. THE WAY INTO CHRIST

1. One is baptized into Christ -Ga 3:27
2. One is baptized into His death -Ro 6:3, 4
3. He is then added to the church -Ac 2:47

Conclusion:

1. There are no spiritual blessings outside of Christ.
2. In Christ, we have great peace, joy, patience, and salvation!